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Whirled Vision at the Olympia Food Co-op

Salsa Not-So-Socially-Conscious

by Austin Kelley

World Vision International, despite it's voluminous PR machine, has long been notorious as a right-wing Christian charity with an extensive history of working worldwide with the CIA, the State Department, and other such agents of US Imperialism. "Salsa So Fresh," made in Shelton, and sold at the Olympia Food Co-op, proudly advertises World Vision as benefiting financially from each sale, and goes on to advertise worldvision.org on each tub of this salsa fresca, for allegedly being an organization that is getting at "the root causes of poverty."

There is a significant concern in this, in that our Co-op has long declared an anti-oppression policy as being central to every aspect of its being, beginning with staff-hiring and training procedures, going on to and including a frequently used policy through which products are continued or discontinued based on social justice criteria. Last November, I was shocked to read the text on the Salsa So Fresh label, which boasts of things clearly in direct contradiction to the Co-op's stated principles. Each tub carries a folksy prose which tells not only the tale of how the couple who own the business first made fresh salsa at a church social and then, because it tasted so good, went on to manufacture it for sale, choosing to donate a portion of each sale to the charity, World Vision. Their advertising seems to imply that not only is this a special food, but that it is also a product based on especially ethical practices, one which benefits our world with each sale.

The contradictions with the Co-op's operating principles seemed glaringly obvious, and so I reported this troubling information through the appropriate channels by filling out the customer feedback form on display at the Eastside Co-op. I expected a prompt reply and the same sort of decisive action as has happened with many other products, but received no reply. After several weeks, I filled out a form at the Westside Co-op, but still received no reply. Concurrent with this process, another concerned community member began filling out the appropriate forms, but also received no reply. This was the beginning of a very long and frustrating process, one with which I have persisted these last eleven months or so. I am given to understand that the two committees that reviewed this matter have responded and have decided thus far not to take action.

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Throughout this process much information has been shared with Co-op staff. Here are a few of the more telling citations about World Vision, all of which have been shared with and essentially confirmed by designated representatives of the Co-op staff:

1. World Vision had served as a front for U.S. intelligence in Central America, employing former members of Anastazio Somoza's National Guard to inform on El Salvadorian refugees in Costa Rica. (*National Catholic Reporter*, 4/23/82)

2. A number of the refugees were liquidated, after being identified as guerilla sympathizers by World Vision operatives. (*Idem.*)

3. World Vision had also functioned as a front for U.S. intelligence in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. (*Christian Century Magazine*, 7/4–7/11/1979)

Award-winning scholar of the Christian Right, Sara Diamond, in her book "Spiritual Warfare," elaborates that:

> World Vision has on a number of occasions functioned as an intelligence gathering arm of the U.S. government. In the 1970's World Vision was charged with having collected field data for the CIA in Vietnam. After US troops left the region, World Vision played a major role in the administration of refugee camps... World Vision also became a crucial player in the "yellow rain" campaign to discredit the Soviet Union... 1980, World Vision became one of five agencies working with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees... World Vision workers preached against the "communist religious workers" from the other refugee agencies.

In *Testament of the Death Squads*, Latin American Studies professor Greg Grandin provides further context by explaining that:

> Starting in the 1960s, conservative evangelical theologians such as John Price and Jerry Falwell interpreted... defeat in Vietnam as a signal moment of world history in which the US stood at the precipice of collapse. They not only urged their flocks to fight what would become known as the culture wars, the campaign against the Equal Rights Amendment, abortion, gay rights, and so forth, but to get more involved in foreign affairs as well. Ronald Reagan's crusade against the Central American Left—his patronage of the Contra insurgents in Nicaragua and death-squad states in El Salvador and Guatemala—was the first extensive opportunity to do so, an apprenticeship that gave the Religious Right its first real taste of its own power within the Republican Party and drew it closer to other groups within the Reagan Revolution.
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> In order to bypass public and Congressional opposition, the White House outsourced the "hearts and minds" component of its Central American wars to evangelicals. Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum sent down "Freedom Fighter Friendship Kits" to the Contras, complete with toothpaste, insect repellent, and a Bible. Gospel Crusades, Inc, Friends of the Americas, Operation Blessing, World Vision, the Wycliffe Bible Translators, and World Medical Relief likewise shipped hundreds of tons of humanitarian aid to the anti-Sandinista rebels and Honduran refugee camps, where they established schools, health clinics, and religious missions... (*Counterpunch*, September 9/10, 2006).

Other sources provide detail on this "charity" and its significant ties to Counterinsurgency and Colonialism:

World Vision was notorious for their programs to benefit counter-revolutionaries attacking civilians during the Sandinista years in Nicaragua. At the Honduran border, they were present in camps used by American CIA to recruit mercenaries against Nicaragua. They were at Sabra and Shatilla, Camps in Lebanon where fascist Phalange massacred the Palestinians. (*World Vision Magazine*, 1983; "Final Report of Israeli Commission of Inquiry," *Journal of Palestinian Studies*, Spring, 1983; "Kahan Commission," *Midstream*, 6-7/83; Guardian, 11/17/81)

Their representatives in the Cuban refugee camps on the east coast included members of the Bay of Pigs operation, CIA-financed mercenaries from Omega 7 and Alpha 66. ("Terrorism in Miami: Suppressing Free Speech," Counterspy, 3-5/84; Guardian, 11/17/81).

These facts alone should be troubling enough to justify a serious meeting with the manufacturers of Salsa So Fresh, informing them that their advertising and funding of World Vision is not at all in accordance with the stated values and principles of the Olympia Food Co-op, and negotiating a clear solution. In addition to the ties to covert operations and the most brutal sorts of human rights violations, it is clear that organizations like World Vision do not, as claimed, get to the root causes of poverty, but rather, they actually contribute to the sorts of structural inequality that result in greater suffering for the poor, worldwide. As Joseph Mudingu

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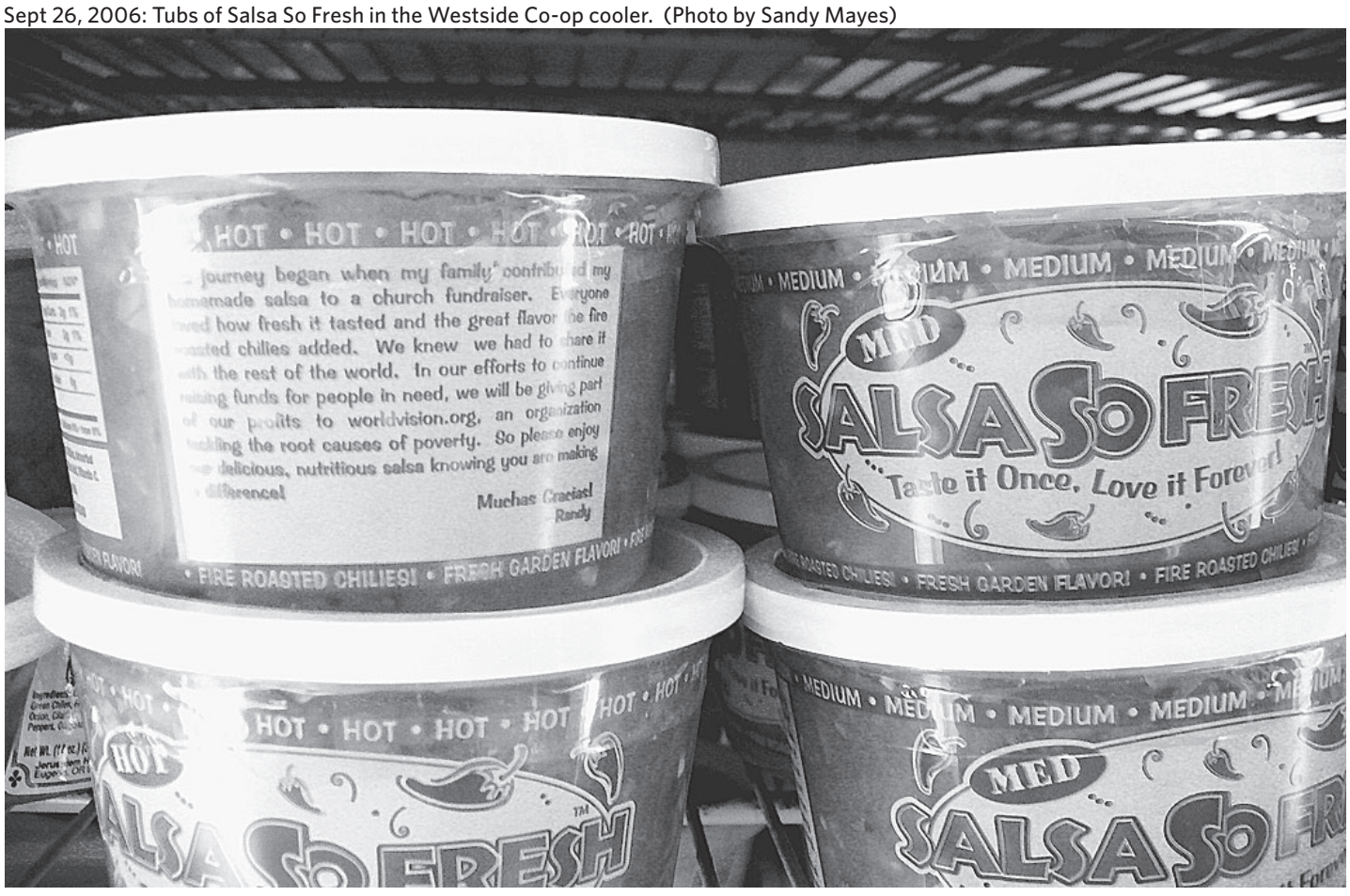
Sept 26, 2006: Tubs of Salsa So Fresh in the Westside Co-op cooler. (Photo by Sandy Mayes)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Free Event – $5-$10 donation appreciated.
For more information, contact Jacqui at 360-236-9684 or kacquiAFD@comcast.net .

WROC Night Out

Monday, October 2, at First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE
Join us at 5:30 for a potluck. Meeting 6 - 8 pm
Join us to learn more about the legislative process and plan how to effectively talk to legislators. Childcare is provided.
WROC Volunteer Meetings every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 at the WROC office 701 Franklin Street SE in the Payne Room of the First Christian Church.
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Contact WROC to find out more about your rights or how you can get involved in welfare advocacy.
(360)352-9716 toll free (866)343-9716,
wrocoly@wroc. org , www.wroc.org .

Support the "Olympia 22" Port Protesters!

Tuesday, October 3, 1:45pm through the rest of the afternoon, at the Thurston County Court House, Bldg 3, Lakeridge Dr. SW
Attend the pre-trail hearing of most of the 22 people arrested at the Port on May 22. Wear red to show solidarity. Otherwise be well-behaved, quiet and civil so as not to complicate the cases at this point (unless prompted by a judge to do otherwise).
Come witness the process on this momentous day!

Community Forum on the US Senate race in WA State

Saturday Oct. 7, 2:00-3:30pm at the First Christian Church, 701 Franklin St. SE
All candidates (or reps) have confirmed with the exception of front runner Maria Cantwell whose office was non-commital. Confirmed candidates include Aaron Dixon (G), Bruce Guthrie (L) and Robin Adair (I). A representative from Mike McGavick's (R) campaign will be on the panel if Mike is unable to make it.
Following the one hour debate, candidates will field audience questions for 30 minutes.
TVW will film and broadcast the event on their statewide public access channels thru election day. It will also be broadcast on local public access TCTV and twi local community radio stations will be recording the forum for rebroadcast.
For more information call Chris at 705-3528.
See pages 6 and 7 for related articles.

"Meet the candidate" social with Aaron Dixon

Saturday, October 7, 5:30-8:00pm, Plenty Restaurant in downtown Olympia
Aaron Dixon's statewide "Out of War...and Into Our Communities" Tour is coming to Olympia. All those who would like to meet the Green Party candidate for US Senate on a personal, one-on-one basis are welcome. This is not a fundraising event but an opportunity for our community to meet Mr. Dixon and talk to him about issues that are of concern to us. Feel free to drop by at any time during the evening. Snacks will be furnished, drinks available. Music, food, spoken word, poetry/rap, music. Get on board the Peace Train!
Call Chris at 705-3528 to get involved (doorbelling, tabling, etc.). Volunteers needed!
See pages 6 and 7 for related articles.

Olympia Film Premier! " Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers "

Sunday, October 8, 4:00pm at the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2200 East End St
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Tickets are FREE. Film contact: Howard Rosenfeld at hrstrugle@comcast.net .

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Contact: nomylamm@hotmail.com

Documenatry: "How to Impeach a president"

Sponsored by: Citizens' Movement to Impeach Bush/Cheney
When and Where:
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Monday, Oct 6, 1:30pm, Olympia Library
Tuesday, Oct 17, 1:30 pm, Tumwater Library
Monday, Oct 23, 6:30 pm, Tumwater Library
Monday, Oct 23, 6:30 pm, Lacey Library
Tuesday, Oct 31, 7:00 pm, Olympia Library
Join your neighbors to discuss the issues and implications. Find out about: the impeachable offenses, the impeachment process, how a grassroots movement can make it happen, what you can do to help.
Organizing Meeting: Every Monday, 7-8:30 pm Thurston County Courthouse, Building 2, room 230.
Signing—Percival Landing, every Friday, 4:30-6:00 pm Contact us at impeachbush@riseup.net

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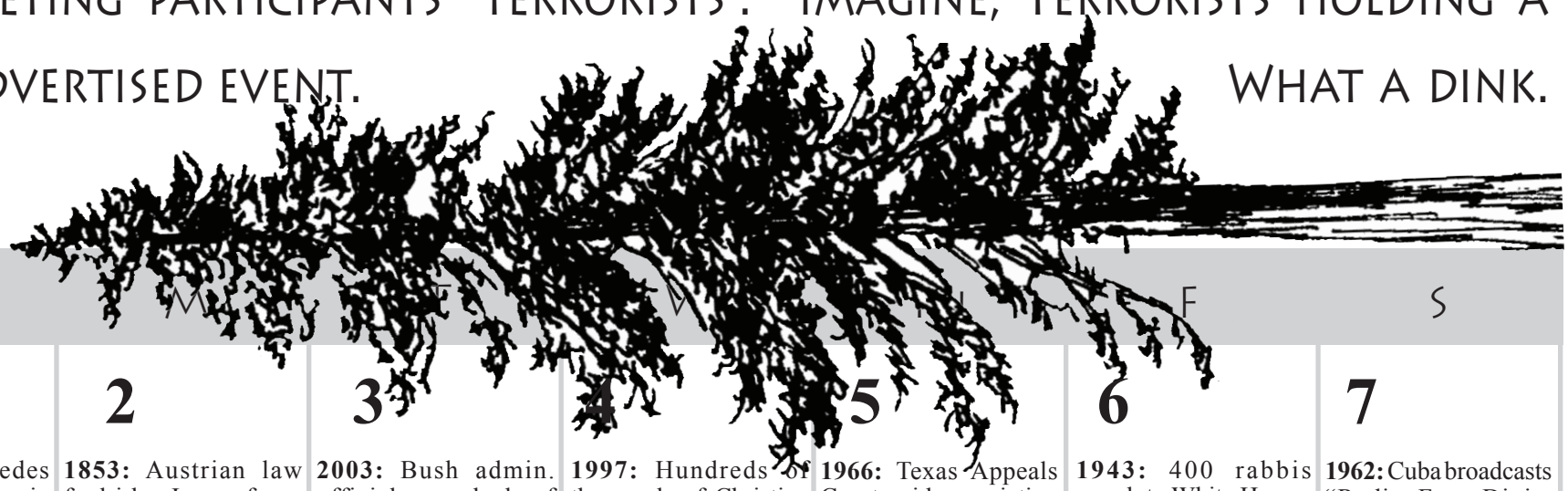
Kevin Not a friggin' chance O'Sullivan

Show him the way back under his rock

The Ex-Democrat is trying to regain his seat on the Thurston County Commission. Apparently he thinks people don't remember his scandalous behavior as a Commissioner in 2002 when he crashed an environmentalists' meeting with his building industry buds and called the meeting participants "terrorists". Imagine, Terrorists holding a well advertised event. What a dink.



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Keep boycotting Ralph's and Bayview

The national spotlight is shining on Olympia

by Janet Blanding

The boycott of Ralph's and Bayview continues. While both the Washington State Board of Pharmacy and the FDA have taken steps to ensure women's access to emergency contraception, the situation for women in Olympia has not improved. Although Kevin Stormans told Olympian reporter Brad Shannon that he would be re-evaluating his policy regarding stocking Plan B in Ralph's Thriftway Pharmacy, no actual policy change has occurred, and the many community members who value their reproductive rights continue to boycott. Plan B Oly, an ad hoc coalition of feminists and pro-birth control advocates, strongly encourages continued boycotting. According to Keylee Marineau, one of the organizers of the Ralph's/Bayview boycott, "the impact of the boycott is extremely significant and has not gone unnoticed by local business owners in Olympia."

Plan B Oly's official policy is to return to shopping at Ralph's and Bayview if the store policy regarding emergency contraception is changed voluntarily, and to encourage other shoppers to do likewise. "It's not a matter of mean-spiritedness or punishment," says Marineau. "It's a matter of belief, of standing up for our daughters, and all the women of our community."

More than just the economic pressure of the boycott is being brought to bear on the Stormans corporation, however. The Board of Pharmacy is continuing with its investigation of the complaints brought by nine women against Ralph's Thriftway and other local pharmacies that were unable to fill legal prescriptions for Plan B because the medication was not stocked. When the Massachusetts State Board of Pharmacy addressed similar complaints against Walmart in February of 2006, Walmart was forced to stock Plan B, and even changed its national policy regarding stocking emergency contraception, probably to avert future legal challenges. It is likely that the complaints here will have a similar effect, especially given the abrupt change in attitude recently demonstrated by the Washington State Board of Pharmacy.

In June, the Board of Pharmacy drafted a code which would allow for pharmacist refusal. Overwhelmingly negative public response to the draft code caused the Pharmacy Board to revise this code. Pharmacy Board members, along with Christina Hulet, Christine Gregoire's Health Policy Advisor, and attorneys from women's advocacy groups met to draft new code that would require pharmacies to fill all legal prescriptions. At the August 31 meeting, the revised draft was introduced, and accepted by the Pharmacy Board by a vote of 6 to 1, with Donna Dockter, the driving force for a pharmacist "conscience clause," being the only hold-out. However, one vital change was made to the code which may lead to significant consequences up the road.

The new draft code, known as the Pharmacist Responsibility Rule, originally stated that "pharmacies have a duty to dispense lawfully prescribed ... drugs or devices, and to distribute drugs and devices approved by the U.S. food and drug adminstration for restricted distribution by pharmacies." (Since Plan B will soon be available without a prescription, but only distributed in pharmacies, the reference to such drugs and devices is of great importance.) One Pharmacy Board member, Susan Teil Boyer, who commented that in all her years serving on the Board of Pharmacy, this was the toughest issue she has had to deal with, took umbrage that the word "pharmacies" was used rather than "pharmacists." "Pharmacists dispense drugs, not pharmacies," she said. The Pharmacy Board agreed to her suggested wording change before voting to accept the new code. On the surface, it may seem insignificant, but deeper analysis shows that this single word change may have very serious consequences.

> Events of the last few months have demonstrated that the controversy over emergency contraception is not limited to Olympia; it's a national issue that is the focus of a raging battle between anti-birth control extremists, and people who want control over their own reproductive lives.

Imagine this scenario: It is a few months in the future. Plan B has been repackaged for non-prescription sales and is now available over the counter. A woman over the age of 18 approaches a pharmacy counter with her ID and requests a dose of emergency contraception. The pharmacist is a right wing extremist, and feels it violates her conscience to dispense. The new code says she must. She either refuses, and risks being sanctioned by the Board of Pharmacy for violating the code, or she complies, and might conceivably sue the state for being forced to violate her religious principles, founded upon a misunderstanding of science and an intolerance towards other people's freedoms as they may be.

If that one little word had not been changed, the scenario would instead have played out thus: A woman requests Plan B at a pharmacy. The pharmacist thinks God disapproves, but since Plan B is now over the counter, she can merely ask a pharmacy tech to step in and dispense a dose of non-prescription emergency contraception to the patient. The *pharmacy*, not the *pharmacist*, has dispensed, the pharmacist has not been forced to violate her principles, an unwanted pregnancy is possibly averted, and everyone is happy.

The Pharmacist Responsibility Rule still must undergo a process before it becomes official code. There is a good chance that the language will be revised so that dispensing drugs becomes the responsibility of the pharmacy rather than the pharmacist. Still, this slight change makes the new rule more vulnerable to legal challenge on grounds of violating freedom of religion, and, as it stands, is actually more restrictive in that regard than even women's advocates had wanted it to be.

Observers familiar with our local situation where access to emergency contraception is limited by a store owner's refusal to stock were encouraged by the new draft code's reference to "good faith compliance" with existing WAC 246.869.150. This WAC states that a "pharmacy must maintain at all times a representative assortment of drugs in order to meet the pharmaceutical needs of its patients." While it would be nice to have less ambiguous language that clearly states a pharmacy must stock emergency contraception, the inclusion of this reference to "good faith compliance" with the current stocking provision seems to signify commitment on the part of the Board of Pharmacy to enforce the existing code regarding stocking where there is sufficient customer demand. According to Kelly Reese, an attorney with Planned Parenthood, the reference to "good faith" addresses the fact that sometimes a business will legitimately be out of stock of a drug. "Good faith implies that the business is trying, if they know there is a need in the community, to stock emergency contraception. When a pharmacy like Ralph's refuses, then there's no good faith there. That's the definition of bad faith, when they refuse to stock it despite demonstrated need." Clearly, given that nine women attempted and failed to fill prescriptions for Plan B at Ralph's during the months of June and July 2006, there is customer demand that is not being met by Ralph's.

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Events of the last few months have demonstrated that the controversy over emergency contraception is not limited to Olympia; it's a national issue that is the focus of a raging battle between anti-birth control extremists, and people who want control over their own reproductive lives. After the FDA decided to allow sales of Plan B to women 18 and over without a prescription, right wing extremists have mounted a rabid backlash. Hundreds of editorials have decried the decision; in one college newspaper, a student even went so far as to declare "A baby is a baby is a baby, and it will eventually become a four-year-old, so the morning-after pill is the same thing as putting a gun to a child's head." This is a rather extreme statement given that the morning after pill generally works by preventing ovulation. Since the majority of unprotected sex acts do not result in pregnancy, it is quite likely that no pregnancy would have occurred even if emergency contraception had not been used.

Other right wing pundits have argued that making Plan B available without a prescription is a boon to child molesters. Wendy Wright of the Concerned Women for America, apparently confusing emergency contraception with roofies, has suggested that sexual predators might slip Plan B into an underage girl's drink and thus molest her with impunity. Professor Anna Glasier, director of family planning services at a clinic in Scotland, made a statement that although use of emergency contraception has increased in Scotland, the abortion rate has not decreased. Her proof? The abortion rate has gone up from 11 per 1000 in 1984 to 17.8 per 1000 in 2004. This statistic seems to have little bearing on the efficacy of the morning after pill, however, when you consider that emergency contraception has only been widely available in the United Kingdom since 2001. Nevertheless, news stories referencing Professor Glasier's dubious statement have appeared in at least 91 publications in the last month, most of them in the United States. Never doubt that the anti-choice movement is well-organized and knows how to manipulate the media.

When the Ralph's/Bayview boycott began, it was generally regarded as a local issue; people were angry that a local store was so unresponsive to the needs of the community it serves. Says Marineau "Initially this issue appeared to be one of local significance for the Olympia community. The attention it's received from the Pharmacy Board and from local and national media shows that this is a significant national issue." Debate over Plan B and its accessibility is an issue being considered by Pharmacy Boards and state legislatures across the country, not to mention the FDG activity. The situation with Ralph's has served as an illustration not only of the difficulties women experience in obtaining Plan B, but the response of a community when women's rights are not taken seriously. The news of the complaints to the Pharmacy Board was picked up by the Associated Press and published widely. In August, the national newsweekly U.S. News & World Report published a story about the Ralph's boycott.

Continuing the boycott while the national spotlight is shining on Olympia is essential, and may have far-reaching consequences upon policy in Washington, as well as other states that are currently deciding how to address the issues of pharmacist refusal and pharmacies that won't stock emergency contraception. Business owners across the country, as well as policy makers, are keeping an eye on what is happening in Olympia as decisions are made regarding stocking emergency contraception. The Olympia community's response to Ralph's policy shows that trampling on women's rights is bad business. "It's not so difficult not to go to Ralph's," says Marineau, "It's really quite simple." The impact, however, is significant.

For more information about the continuing boycott and Pharmacy Board issues, please visit www.planboly.org .

Photo by Elaine Nelson

Alysia Angel on the picket line. (Photo by Krista Theiss)

Freezing and wet bus riders = no litter?

The case of the runaway bus shelter

by Chris Allert

You may recall that back in 2002 the bus shelter at Harrison & Division was removed, and then replaced a short time later. On Sunday, September 24, I noticed that the shelter had been removed again. I remembered reading about the issue in *Works In Progress* at the time, so I looked it up on the *WIP* web-site (www.olywip.org). I learned that what happened in 2002 is that the owner of the pharmacy adjacent to it complained about the litter, and so Intercity Transit removed the shelter. In response to the *Works In Progress* article, enough people complained to both Intercity Transit and the pharmacy, that the owner of the pharmacy asked that the shelter be replaced.

Well, they're up to their old tricks again.

First thing Monday morning I called Intercity Transit customer service and asked what happened to the shelter. The person on the phone said that DeGarmo's Pharmacy (once again) complained about the litter, and so Intercity Transit is looking for a new location for the stop, but they don't have any idea when the stop will actually be moved, as they haven't found a new location yet. I told her that this is one of the stops that used to have a garbage can, but that it no longer does.

I then called DeGarmo's Pharmacy. The pharmacist wouldn't be in for several days, but the person on the phone said that yes, they had asked that the stop be removed because there was too much litter. Seconds after I got off the phone, she called me back to say that it was the bus stop that was the problem, not the shelter, and that she didn't see how removing the shelter would reduce the litter.

Sept 26, 2006: Bus riders and their packages were dry and comfy on this warm September day. But this now-barren concrete slab in front of DeGarmo's Pharmacy will be a wet and windy place to wait for a bus once the weather turns. (Photo by Sandy Mayes)

Since winter is approaching, and since we bus riders don't enjoy standing in the wind and rain with all our bags from the dollar store and the off-brand grocery store, please, for our sake, call both DeGarmo's Pharmacy and Intercity Transit. Emphasize that this bus shelter is of critical importance to bus riders. It's in a high traffic area, serving several bus routes, making it a necessary place for both shelter and seating. Remind Intercity Transit of their responsibility to the public, and ask DeGarmo's to be a good commercial citizen.

At the very least, Intercity Transit should replace the shelter until the bus stop is actually moved.

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explained:

> The way the NGOs operate in the countries invaded by, or attacked by the imperialist powers, that makes a mockery of the humanitarian aid, should open anyone's eyes. In Vietnam, for instance, even as the United States dropped bombs creating deaths and destruction on a massive scale, it deployed its NGOs such as CARE (Co-operative Assistance for Relief Everywhere), CRS (Catholic Relief Services), WV (World Vision), IVS (International Voluntary Services), American Red Cross, Vietnam Christian Service, and so on to provide relief and rehabilitation to the war victims in Vietnam. And in Afghanistan and Iraq we have seen how the most savage bombing by the US-led imperialists was accompanied by humanitarian aid. Bombs and bread were dropped simultaneously. As soon as a country is ravaged and people are killed, maimed and uprooted from their homes, the NGOs would step in giving the "healing touch." ("How Genuine Are NGOs?" by Joseph Mudingu, *The New Times*, Kigali, Rwanda, August 7, 2006)

Mudingu is dropping some real science on us here, as it is certainly true that World Vision is an NGO with a world-wide reach, and now receiving the bulk of its funding directly from the US Government. Not only is World Vision taking government contracts in places such as Afghanistan and Iraq, where the United States is openly waging war against local populations, but also they are active in many, many areas of strategic interest to Uncle Sam, areas where conflicts other than open war are being fomented, such as: Gaza, The Philippines, Kosovo and Lebanon. On top of this, World Vision's charity converges with "mere" economics, world-wide.

These last eleven months have been problematic in terms of uniting theory and practice at the Co-op. "Going through the system" has not resulted in significant changes in policy towards Salsa So Fresh. While there have been problems in the response of some Co-op staff to this issue, we remain hopeful that our Co-op can, and will, function better in the future.

Problems with slow response by staff, or even non-response, were framed by a decision-making process in which staff are empowered by a consensus-based decision making process in which minority dissent can block action. Because member-owners are not empowered in the same way, the playing field is not really even. We can and should find ways to strengthen member-power, seeing it not in opposition to worker-management of the workplace, but rather as a necessary and important complement to workers' rights. Since the Co-op has so far declined to reveal who specifically amongst the Co-op staff might have been blocking further action on of this matter, it is more difficult to resolve this issue.

It should be noted that neither of the two Co-op staff committees which have reviewed the concerns about World Vision has found significant difference with the facts cited above. Indeed, after much investigation, Co-op staff have confirmed the troubling history of World Vision to be essentially true, and even found further and yet more damning information about their ties to the Christian Right, as well as to World Imperialism. And yet, I have been advised that the official Co-op channels for waging this complaint against Salsa So Fresh have been exhausted and that the end result is that Salsa So Fresh will remain on the shelves at both stores, with the World Vision endorsement/donation intact. Despite repeated inquiries, staff have declined to reveal who exactly made this decision, through what process, and by what rationale.

> This certainly does not suggest that any or all staff have bad intentions, although it does suggest that participatory decision-making and community accountability should probably be strengthened.

Throughout this time, those concerned about the matter of Salsa So Fresh and World Vision have been patient and civil as we persisted in trying to get some justice around this issue. The response from staff has been mixed. Co-op staffers have long promised a meeting with the manufacturers, but it is not clear what concrete actions they have taken to arrange it, despite a wait of many, many months. Concern about these issues is growing, not only because of the moral issues specific to Salsa So Fresh and World Vision, but also because of the related structural issues within the Co-op itself, which has long excluded products on the basis of appropriation of indigenous symbolism by non-Natives, whilst it is now in effect supporting an organization associated with the murder of indigenous and colonized peoples around the world. This certainly does not suggest that any or all staff have bad intentions, although it does suggest that participatory decision-making and community accountability should probably be strengthened.

If you, like others, share my concern about the decision to continue selling Salsa So Fresh, in direct contradiction to the Co-op's social justice policy, feel free to investigate for yourself. By the time of the Co-op's annual Fall meeting, myself and others hope to bring announcements of a campaign to resolve these concerns. Look also to either the December/January or February/March issue of the *Co-op News*, where, hopefully there will be room for an update on this issue, as well as for a more detailed analysis about what these problems might suggest about ways in which we can improve a participatory decision-making process at the Co-op, as well as an analysis of why and how we should strengthen our politics in favor of justice for the poor and oppressed, here and now, as well as internationally.

For more information, you are welcome to get in touch care of:
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[See page 10 for a response to this article written by Co-op staff collective member Grace Cox.]

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The Aaron Dixon Senate campaign

A direct challenge to the two-party system

by Dave Jette

On May 13, the Green Party of Washington State held its semiannual convention and by a 43-1 vote nominated Aaron Dixon as its candidate for the U.S. Senate. Aaron is a former Black Panther Party leader, and he is well known among African-Americans in Seattle for his decades of service to the community. While in the Black Panther Party, he started the Free Breakfast for School Children Program and a free medical clinic which continues to this day. More recently, he has worked for nonprofit organizations that serve the public in a variety of ways, from preventing drug and gang violence to providing shelter for youth on the street. Four years ago he founded Central House, a nonprofit organization that works to provide housing for young homeless adults, where he is still acting director.

It was with considerable excitement that members of the Green Party of Seattle had approached Aaron last December to run as a Green against the incumbent Democratic Senator, Maria Cantwell. Cantwell is unabashedly pro-war, being the only member of Washington State's Congressional delegation to refuse to retract her initial support of the U.S. invasion of Iraq and is strongly supportive of the Patriot Act. Aaron had not been involved in electoral politics since the Black Panther Party days, but after consulting with community activists he accepted our request and joined the Green Party.

After considerable preparation, Aaron held a press conference in March to announce his candidacy. The campaign held a highly successful kickoff party in April which featured Elaine Brown, former Chairperson of the Black Panther Party, as well as the President of the Seattle Chapter of the NAACP and other prominent community activists.

The Dixon campaign has been steadily building support around the state. Politically, Washington tends to be divided into East and West, with the eastern part being mainly rural and voting Republican, while the western part contains most of the major metropolitan areas and overall votes Democratic. However, the campaign is systematically reaching out both to eastern Washington and to the rural areas of western Washington, overcoming the tendency of liberals and progressives to concentrate on the Seattle area. The candidate is quite effective when doing this in person.

> In Washington State, the Democrats completely control the state government and they could easily institute Instant Runoff Voting. But, of course, they don't want to allow the public to seriously consider alternatives to the two major parties.

For example, Aaron recently attended a county fair some thirty miles outside of Seattle. He parked (for a fee) on the property of a burly white guy, and naturally he engaged the fellow in discussion for some 20 minutes. Then, when Aaron came back to retrieve his car, he said that he had been talking with his wife and, although previously they've always voted Republican, they both wanted to put up a Dixon yard sign. This campaign is not about siphoning off the votes of liberal and progressive Democrats, but rather about building an electoral movement which speaks to the decent concerns of the great majority of people.

National Implications

What makes this campaign so interesting is its national implications. The Democratic incumbent is quite weak; unlike our other Democratic Senator, she's been pretty ineffectual. Moreover, her strong support of the Iraq War has alienated many Democrats, but she faced only nominal opposition from anti-war candidates in the Democratic primary election. The Republicans are fielding a reasonably strong candidate, although he also is unabashedly pro-war and overall he is even more odious. This is a race that the Democratic Party has got to win if it is to have any chance of regaining control of the Senate, and already they've brought in a pro-war Black Senator, Barack Obama, to support Cantwell at an event in the African-American community. Other nationally distinguished Democrats have also been visiting Washington State, trying to save Cantwell's skin.

Thus the spoiler issue looms large in this campaign, and Aaron is occasionally asked if he will step aside if it looks like his candidacy may throw the election to the evil Republican. He and his campaign steering committee are very clear about this, having formally adopted the following resolution:

"This campaign will continue wholeheartedly through Election Day, regardless of the consequences to the Democratic Party. Specifically, it will continue to the end even if it may result in Maria Cantwell's losing her present Senate seat and the Democratic Party's losing the opportunity to regain control of the U.S. Senate."

This, coming from a high-profile Green Party candidate in a tight, crucial race, constitutes a direct challenge to the two-party system which has allowed no effective opposition to its rule on behalf of the very wealthy people who control our country. There are similar Green Party campaigns around the country, and the time couldn't be better: the Democratic Party has revealed its complete political bankruptcy, forcing liberals and progressives to look for an alternative. This alternative is the Green Party, which will continually be building upon people's disgust with the two-party system, and which in 2008 should be running a strong Presidential candidate (again, without respect for the tired "lesser-of-two-evils" argument which keeps us in chains). Indeed, the Green Party of the United States has designated Aaron's Senate campaign as one of the three or four races this year to which it will give maximum attention.

> Rejecting the lesser-of-evils outlook is essential in order to be able to build a progressive electoral alternative to the two-party system, which has kept us straightjacketed ... and the Green Party is vigorously involved in this endeavor.

The Spoiler Issue

But what of the spoiler issue? Isn't it ethically valid to support an unabashedly pro-war incumbent such as Maria Cantwell in order to avoid the Republ can "greater evil" staying in power? Come Election Day, most liberal Democrats, and many progressive Democrats, will be holding their noses and doing exactly this (as they've been doing for countless elections!). There are a number of levels on which to consider this question.

First off, the spoiler issue is more illusion than reality. It is what the Democrats cry out in order to hide the fact that they don't offer a real alternative on many crucial issues: people should vote for them simply because they aren't Republicans! To say that most Dixon supporters would otherwise vote for Cantwell is sheer fantasy; we are drawing support from both Democrats and Republicans, and a great many of our voters would just not vote for either pro-war candidate if Aaron weren't running.

Furthermore, the obvious answer to the spoiler problem is Instant Runoff Voting (IRV, or "ranked voting"), in which, for example, if your first choice is Aaron and your second choice is Cantwell, your vote goes to the latter if Aaron is eliminated in the first round of vote-counting. In Washington State, the Democrats completely control the state government (governor and both legislative branches) and they could easily institute IRV. But of course they don't want to allow the public to seriously consider alternatives to the two major parties. Perhaps if this election gives the appearance of the Green Party's having spoiled Cantwell's reelection, the Democrats will see the light and institute IRV. (Or perhaps we'll have to "spoil" other elections for them first – the governor's race is coming up in two years, and the Democratic incumbent won by only 129 votes last time.)

Is it ethically acceptable to vote for a pro-war candidate (assuming that one considers the invasion of Iraq to be morally unacceptable)? Well-meaning people who say yes will implicitly have made some sort of calculation with a balance scale: on the one side, important good things such as abortion rights, raising the minimum wage, and protecting the environment; on the other side, the unconscionable Iraq war and other aspects of U.S. imperialism (such as unqualified support for Israel's decades-long oppression of the Palestinians). Unfortunately, it is here that white supremacy, which has ideologically dominated our country since its creation, comes into play: in weighing the balance, white folks so often come down on the side which oppresses people of color.

Ethically, there is simply no alternative to refusing to support politicians who support the United States's longstanding drive (since World War II) at world domination. Of course domestic issues are important, and they need to be tackled both through mass struggles and in the political arena, but not at the expense of the rest of the world! Rejecting the lesser-of-evils outlook is essential in order to be able to build a progressive electoral alternative to the two-party system which has kept us straightjacketed ... and the Green Party is vigorously involved in this endeavor.

Why is it so important to run high-profile progressive candidates in important elections, even if they have little chance of winning? We can hope eventually to start winning these elections, but immediately our purpose is to lay the groundwork for building an ongoing progressive electoral movement effectively challenging the two-party system, and to combat the ideological hegemony of the very wealthy people who control our society in their own interests. This is especially important now, with our overextended empire crumbling and fascistic measures being instituted to control a populace increasingly concerned about their deteriorating living conditions. To maintain ideological control, the Democrats and Republicans have been playing a "good cop, bad cop" game since the 1930's. The only way out is to consciously reject the "lesser-of-evils" outlook by refusing to support liberal Democrats like Maria Cantwell, especially when they enthusiastically support the Iraq War and the Patriot Act. The Aaron Dixon Senate campaign is doing exactly this.

Dave Jette is the Treasurer of Aaron Dixon's Senate campaign, the Secretary of the Green Party of Seattle. Visit the Dixon campaign website at www.dixon4senate.com .

Vote for the Green Party candidate

by TJ Johnson

On Sept. 7, the U.S. Senate voted 98-0 in support of the fiscal year 2007 Defense Appropriations Bill. The bill authorizes $470 billion in military spending next year. This excludes billions more for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, which will be dealt with in separate legislation. It also excludes spending on nuclear weapons, which are funded through the Department of Energy (at least another $18 billion).

The $470 billion authorization represents about 50 percent of all global military spending. In other words, the U.S. plans to spend more on the military next year than the rest of the world combined. It is also almost 10 times what the federal government spends annually on either education or health care.

Our Democratic Sens. Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray voted in favor of the defense appropriations bill. I'm sure Cantwell's Republican challenger Mike McGavick would have supported the bill too, proving that on this critically important issue there is no significant difference between the two major party candidates.

Cantwell's vote is one more reason to send her home to Everett and elect Green Party candidate Aaron Dixon as our next U.S. senator.

The time is long past to end this psychopathic bipartisan obsession with the military, weapons and war as the cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy. Vote for peace and a sustainable future for our children. Vote for Aaron Dixon.

TJ Johnson is a member of the Olympia City Council.

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The So-called Spoiler Issue

Democrats have only themselves to blame if they lose votes to other parties

by Aaron Dixon

It's been suggested by supporters of my opponents that a vote for me is either pointless or amounts to a vote for another candidate, and that voting for anyone who isn't a Democrat or a Republican is immoral. I disagree.

Neither of my opponents represents our interests. Both support continuing the war and occupation of Iraq, even though 64 percent of Washingtonians agree with my call for an end to the war. Both of my opponents agree on issue after issue, whether it is support for the destructive and racist war on drugs, or support for a Patriot Act that shreds our civil liberties. The simple fact is that neither candidate represents the interests of the American people.

Voting for them sends the message that they can keep taking your votes for granted, and you won't hold them responsible for their constant betrayals. "Lesser evil" voting has gotten us to where we are at today. Politicians don't listen to voters because we've taught them that they don't need to. The question is, how bad will we allow them to get?

When anti-war voters fell for the "anybody but Bush" arguments of 2004, the Democratic Party felt safe to nominate John Kerry, a pro-war hawk. Every vote that anti-war voters gave to Kerry weakened the effectiveness of the peace movement, at a cost we continue to bear today. A vote for me sends the message that Washington won't tolerate candidates that support a continuation of this senseless and bloody war. The thousands who vote for my candidacy will send a clear message that the Democratic Party cannot afford to continue to ignore the anti-war movement.

> The simple fact is that neither [major party] candidate represents the interests of the American people.

But more importantly, a vote for my candidacy is about building a movement and a political party powered and led by working people for the benefit of working people. No matter what the final vote count in this race is, it will be the launching point for bigger and better progressive Green campaigns in the future.

It's important and telling to realize that most social justice advances that we now consider the bare minimum for a decent society were introduced by third parties. Whether it was women getting the right to vote, the abolition of slavery, ending child labor, the establishment of social security or the minimum wage, it was the third parties like the Liberty Party, the Populist Party, the Socialist Party and the Progressive Party that led the charge for these reforms. When these parties won thousands of votes for their principles and positions, the Democrats and Republicans were forced to adopt their agendas.

All we are asking for is a fair playing field. If Republicans and Democrats want to beat us, or eliminate our influence, then they have to offer candidates that voters can support, and take stands that voters agree with. They have only themselves to blame if they lose votes to other parties. I challenge Sen. Cantwell and Mike McGavick to take positions that the people of Washington support.

Losing in slow motion is still losing. The real wasted vote is the one you cast for someone you don't believe in.

See page 2 for announcements about Aaron Dixon's upcoming visit to Olympia.

Thirty-seven arrested at Indian Island for "Declaring Peace"

Munitions storage site draws 500 to protest Iraq Occupation

PRESS RELEASE- "The primary tools of death and destruction for the Iraq/Afghanistan occupation and war are contained at Indian Island," says Marion Ward, associate member with Veterans for Peace.

A group of 500 very diverse people gathered at HG Carroll Park, near Port Townsend, to protest the occupation of Iraq. Over 200 marched on a 3.7-mile walk to Indian Island Naval Weapons Depot, the largest on the west coast. Surrounded by 200 peaceful supporters, 37 non-violent, law-abiding folks were arrested.

"I really believe this administration intends to go into Iran. 'Diplomacy' is not diplomacy, it's just going through the motions. I believe we must say NO to Iran and get out of Iraq. We need to say we made a big mistake—we need to protect ourselves through negotiation of needs and seeking truth," said Bernie Meyer.

Sixteen people from Olympia, ranging from 17 to 70 plus, attended the event. Molly Gibbs and Bernie Meyers chose to be arrested, based on their personal convictions. Gibbs views the action as bearing moral witnesses to illegal war.

> Bombs, bullets, torpedoes and missiles are loaded at Indian Island.

Why? "I cannot tolerate 3500 Iraqis tortured and killed each month for the benefit of oil interests," declared Wes Hamilton, Olympia activist with Stop the War. "We are moral witnesses to genocide; our soldiers and American weapons are used to keep Iraq in the control of our 'leaders.' Interestingly, they are current or recent Board members or executives of: Lockheed Martin, Halliburton, Exxon-Mobil, Bechtel, Chevron, Kissinger & Associates."

Bombs, bullets, torpedoes and missiles are loaded at Indian Island. Weapons are shipped by crane from the water; truckloads of uranium munitions travel the I-5 corridor. The Navy was sued in federal court to release documents on explosives handling near Port Townsend. Naval officials were not present at the gates when we were arrested. The Navy refuses to release information regarding safety concerns. No public hearing has been scheduled to answer questions of Port Townsend residents.

For the past three years, Olympia Veterans for Peace Chapter 109 have supported the Port Townsend Depleted Uranium Study Team (DUST). There is nothing depleted about the heavy metal, particularly when exploded inside a tank.

Uranium, left over from nuclear weapons production in the US, is hazardous waste. It's cheap for DOD use and will penetrate armored vehicles like "slicing through butter." Upon impact, exploding into flames, the ("pyrogenic") molecules become more toxic once they enter your lungs. Cancer is commonly a result. Genocide is the result of using this weapon on the Iraqi and Afghani people—many have

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Sept. 23, 2006: Green Party candidate Aaron Dixon and supporters cross the bridge to Indian Island where a short time later 37 anti-war activists were arrested for blocking the entrance to the Indian Island Naval Weapons Depot. (Photo by Elliot Stoller)

US–Israeli military monster

Birthing the new Middle Beast

by Marco Rosaire Rossi

In the "official" report, the account reported by the major media outlets in the United States and other Western nations, the timeline for the conflicts between Israel and Hizbullah begins with the capture of two Israeli soldiers on June 25. This perspective is widespread; even mainstream human rights organizations like Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch perpetuate the idea by referring to Israel actions against Lebanon as retaliatory. However, the idea that the June 25 kidnapping started the conflict between Israel and Hizbullah is false. Israel did not retaliate – it *escalated.* The capture of Israeli soldiers was used as pretext for a US–Israeli invasion into Lebanon for the grander purpose of restructuring the Middle East to the liking of the United States. This restructuring has two important objectives outside the elimination of Hizbullah: 1) to destroy all Palestinian society, and 2) to use the invasion as a stepping stone for attacking Iran and Syria.

Violence on The Border

In May 2000, the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) agreed to withdraw from the southern tip of Lebanon and a draw a "blue line" to separate it from Hizbullah. Before that time, Israel had occupied Lebanon after its illegal and brutal attack on the nation in 1981. The "blue line" was a half-hearted attempt at peace. Both sides ignored the agreement, with the IDF being the main violator. The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon reported that the IDF crossed the line "on an almost daily basis." Between the initial withdrawal in 2000 to the recent escalation, small skirmishes of violence were common. In October 2000, the IDF opened fire on Palestinian demonstrators on the border. Three people were killed and 20 were wounded. In retaliation, Hizbullah captured three Israeli soldiers in Israeli territory and fired missiles at an IDF outpost. No massive military response from Israel followed. Instead, continuous small acts of aggression proceeded until the present: In 2003, attacks led to the death of three Israelis and three Lebanese; in 2005, one IDF soldier and two Hizbullah fighters were killed; and in February of 2006, violence took the lives of two Lebanese civilians and three IDF soldiers. None of these acts led to major outbreaks of violence. If anything, the small low-scale warfare was wearing down Hizbullah. Prior to Israel's recent assault, the Hizbullah army had dwindled to about 1,000 armed men.

The capture of the Israeli soldiers on June 25 was, relatively speaking, a mundane affair. Hizbullah was very open about its actions, hoping to exchange the soldiers for 15 prisoners of war that the Israelis captured during its occupation of Lebanon. All things considered, there was no way for Hizbullah to know Israel would react the way it did. Other reasons, separate and distinct from the fighting on the border, played into Israel's decision to escalate.

The Quiet War In Gaza

While much of the world's attention was focused on Lebanon, Israel launched a "quiet" war in Gaza. From late June until early September, over 260 people were killed and around 1,200 injured in Gaza. This assault was titled Operation Summer Rain and was a combination of a massive military offensive with a harsh economic blockade. The number killed in Gaza is roughly one forth of the people killed in Lebanon, but the long-term effects of Operation Summer Rain will be felt for generations.

Operation Summer Rain is a subsection of Operation Samson's Pillars. Since the election of Hamas, the United States and Israel have been doing all they can to debase Palestinian society. Lebanon has working institutions and infrastructure that are able to help rebuild the country. Hizbullah has enough resources and support to help those in need and is willing to contribute. An article in the *Washington Post* reported that Hizbullah "runs a major hospital as well as schools, discount pharmacies, groceries and an orphanage. It runs a garbage service and a reconstruction program for homes damaged during Israel's invasion. It supports families of young men sent off to their deaths. Altogether, it benefits an estimated 250,000 Lebanese and is the country's second largest employer."

Nothing like that exists in Palestine. Two thirds of the entire population are unemployed. The Hamas-led government has been boycotted and sanctioned into an almost non-existent state. One-thousand-eight-hundred employees of Gaza City haven't been paid since April. Water mains, main power stations, and bridges have been destroyed. Electricity is as infrequent as it is in Baghdad. The situation is so dire that the World Bank has concluded that the West Bank and Gaza have faced "a year of unprecedented economic recession. Real incomes may contract by at least a third in 2006 and poverty to affect close to two thirds of the population." Also unlike Lebanon, the major conflicts in Gaza haven't stopped. The occupation, and all the brutality with it, still pushes along. The situation is so dire that Gaza's mayor, Dr. Magad Abu-Ramadan proclaimed: "It is the worst year for us since 1948."

Planning for the Attack

There is much evidence to show that Israel's attack on Lebanon was premeditated and pushed along by the United States. Renowned journalist Seymor Hersh published an article in *The New Yorker* in which he states that on May 23 President Bush gave Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert full support in attacking Lebanon as soon as possible. Others have speculated that preparation for the war may go back even further. Gerald Steinberg, a professor of political science of the Bar-llan University, told the *San Francisco Chronicle* on July 21, that "of all of Israel's wars since 1948, this was the one for which Israel was most prepared. In a sense, the preparation began in May 2000, immediately after the Israeli withdrawal... By 2004, the military campaign, scheduled to last about three weeks, that we're seeing now had already been blocked out and, in the last year or two, it's been simulated and rehearsed across the board." The *Chronicle* also reported that more than a year before the attack, a senior Israeli army officer began giving PowerPoint presentations to foreign diplomats, journalist, and thinktanks which set out "the plan for the current operation in revealing details." Similar accounts were reported by other newspapers. A "senior Israeli official" told the *Washington Post* that the capture of the soldiers provided a "unique moment" for wiping out Hizbullah.

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Why Israel decided to seize on the recent capture of its soldiers as its "unique moment" has much to do with the prodding of the US. Months before the "unique moment," the US had been encouraging Israel to launch an attack on Lebanon in the hope of destroying Hizbullah, and eventually spreading the conflict to Syria and Iran. In support of the Israeli offensive, the White House Press Secretary released a series of talking points that included references to a *Los Angeles Times* op-ed piece entitled "It's Time to Let the Israelis Take Off the Gloves." The article, written by Max Boot – a senior fellow for the national security studies at the Council on Foreign Relations – urged Israel to "hit the Assad regime, Hard." The pan-Arab paper, *al-Hayat,* reported that the United States – via Israel – gave Syria 72 hours to pressure Hizbullah to release the soldiers and stop border violence or face an attack. The White House is not willing to confirm or deny this report. On July 30, shortly after the major violence broke out, the *Jerusalem Post* reported that President Bush tried to push Israeli forces to spread the conflict to Syria – a plan that Israeli military officials apparently thought was crazy.

Also, Seymour Hersh published a series of articles in *The New Yorker* that concluded that the Israeli attack was to "serve as a prelude to a potential American preemptive attack to destroy Iran's nuclear installations." According to Hersh, "The U.S. Strategic Command, supported by the Air Force, has been drawing up plans, at the President's direction, for a major bombing campaign in Iran." However, Hersh continues, "the bombing campaign... could lead to serious economic, political, and military consequences for the United States," which fears losing control in Iraq. It is speculated that a bombing campaign by a proxy US power – Israel – would be more militarily successful than a direct US-led attack.

A New Middle East?

On top of the charred remains of a bombed-out building in Lebanon hangs a banner that reads: "The New Middle Beast." The phrase is a dark pun taken for Condoleezza Rice's proclamation that the US-Israeli invasion of Lebanon constituted "the growing pains of a new Middle East." The banner also represents both the tragedy of and resistance to US dominance in the area.

The war in Lebanon and Gaza has no clear-cut winner. On the one hand, Lebanon has been sent back years, and Gaza decades. The recent attacks murdered well over 1,000 people. On the other hand, stronger commitment to the Palestinian cause and resentment toward US-Israeli aggression has grown. Even the international community, which usually remains fairly sanguine on such events, stepped up to condemn the attacks – at least in rhetoric. Where things will go from here and if peace and democracy will be able to prevail in this "new Middle East" is hard to say. One thing is clear though, without a dramatic increase in protest – especially from within the United States – the mayhem and violence will continue at a loss for everyone.

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Election laws in need of an overhaul

I wish to apologize to the 1,233 people who believed either in democracy, ending the war in Iraq, impeaching Bush and Cheney, balancing the budget, or universal health care who signed my petition to get on the ballot as an independent candidate for Congress in the third Congressional District, and to my volunteers for my failure to get on the ballot.

It has been difficult to write this letter because I tried very hard to follow the incomplete, inaccurate and obfuscatory instructions provided by the Secretary of State for filing for office. It has been difficult for me to understand how the Secretary of State can claim that Washington promotes democracy while preventing candidates from appearing on the ballot.

It has been difficult for me to understand why the state Supreme Court would rather uphold their rules of court instead of the United States Constitution.

It has been difficult for me to understand why the Attorney General's office apparently believes that it is not a violation of the First Amendment to have discriminatory election laws, or that (presumably) a statutory week is six days.

I want to blame them, but ultimately the blame rests with me.

Two petition signers, Rep. Brendan Williams and Sam Hunt, have agreed to create election laws that actually promote democracy and are fair to all, and I look forward to working with them.

Write in my name to end the war in Iraq.

Jed Whittaker, Olympia

—WRITE IN—
Jed Whittaker for Congress

End the War

VALUES

1 The difference between right and wrong.

Jed wants to end the war in Iraq because killing people is wrong.
Congressman Brian Baird voted against the war in Iraq, but continues to vote to fund it. When something is wrong, it continues to be wrong. When parents teach their children the difference between right and wrong, they try to be consistent. What does Congressman Brian Baird think?

2 Respect for the law.

Jed wants to impeach George W. Bush and Dick Cheney because they are violating the United States Constitution and have no respect for the law. Congressman Brian Baird is silent about Bush and Cheney's violations of the law. When parents teach their children respect for the law, they know that the best teaching is to respect the law themselves, to teach by example. What example is Congressman Brian Baird teaching?

3 Do not spend money you do not have.

Jed wants to balance the federal budget.
Congress is spending like a bunch of drunken sailors, and is saddling the children and their children with the bill. Congressman Brian Baird is ineffective in balancing the budget. Farmers know that we should not be eating the seed corn, why doesn't the Republican Congress? Parents know they must save money to pay for future bills, why doesn't the Republican Congress?

4 Intelligent Compassion.

Jed wants Universal (free) Health Care for all Americans. A healthy people are happier, and more productive. Congressman Brian Baird is ineffective in achieving Universal Health Care. Parents know that if babies are healthy, then they will have fewer health problems as they grow up.

5 We share the earth we walk on. Earth is our home.

Jed agrees with Al Gore that there is a solution to global warming, but that there is a lack of political will to achieve it. Congressman Brian Baird probably thinks so too. Parents teach their children to share.
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- Proud member of the Laborer's Union Local 252
- Commercial fisherman
- Small business owner
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Please post, recycle, or give to a friend. I would appreciate your vote.
Jed Whittaker

Co-op response regarding Salsa So Fresh

Product Selection at the Olympia Food Co-op

by Grace Cox,
Co-op staff collective member

Product selection at the Co-op is guided by two articulated values statements. First, the Co-op mission statement gives the following mandates:

MISSION
The purpose of the Cooperative is to contribute to the health and well-being of people by providing wholesome foods and other goods and services, accessible to all, through a locally-oriented, collectively managed, not-for-profit cooperative organization that relies on consensus decision making. We strive to make human effects on the earth and its inhabitants positive and renewing and to encourage economic and social justice. Our goals are to:

A. Provide information about food;
B. Make good food accessible to more people;
C. Support efforts to increase democratic process;
D. Support efforts to foster a socially and economically egalitarian society;
E. Provide information about collective process and consensus decision making;
F. Support local production;
G. See to the long term health of the business;
H. Assist in the development of local community resources.

The second document is called the Product Selection Guidelines. As this document is 3.5 pages long, I have excerpted the sections which I believe are most relevant to Salsa So Fresh and World Vision. The full text of this document can be found on the Co-op web-page: olympiafood.coop. (From the home page click product information, then select product selection guidelines.)

Food Politics/Boycotts:
Co-op members are concerned about a wide range of world-wide political issues. At the same time, large corporations have been buying into the natural foods industry at an alarming rate. Whenever possible, the Co-op will prioritize products produced and distributed by companies whose politics and procedures are in harmony with our Mission Statement and Goals. When a company is in clear contradiction to our Mission Statement we will make every effort to find alternative sources for their products. For products which are being boycotted, please see the boycott policy.

Packaging Considerations
The Co-op will not carry products whose retail packaging is deemed exploitive or oppressive. Such determination may be made by the department manager, the merchandising team or the staff as a whole. Packaging may be considered exploitive or oppressive if the graphics, narrative or product name use or promote harmful stereotypes based on sex, race, sexual orientation, physical ability, looks, class, education, politics, religion, national origin or species.

Local, Collective & Co-op Businesses:
The Co-op supports other local, collective and/or cooperative businesses through the purchasing and promotion of their products when appropriate. In some instances, the co-op may refrain from carrying certain products or product lines in order to not compete with other small local retailers.

As you can probably see, the Co-op staff is called upon daily to fulfill mandates that, on occasion, come into conflict with each other. If Salsa So Fresh was not a small, local producer we would be required to consider only the issues of food politics, social & economic equality and veracity in packaging. But they are a small, local producer, and in surveys, member meetings and forums, support for local production has always been rated very highly by Co-op members.

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As one of the co-op staff members who has done extensive research on World Vision, I acknowledge that I have not been as prompt to respond as I should have been. The door is by no means shut on this issue, and I particularly appreciate additional member and customer input as we struggle to find the right balance between supporting universal social justice and local production. I fully concur with Austin's comments about the need to expand member involvement in product selection, and am eager to consider ideas for ways to put this into practice.

Sept. 26, 2006: Store sign in front of the westside Olympia Food Co-op. (Photo by Sandy Mayes)

Celebrate Co-op Month

by Andrew McLeod

October is International Co-op Month, which is a great chance to support the movement to build a more just and democratic economy. You can do this in a variety of ways; by doing business with existing cooperatives, and by helping to start new ones.

Shop Co-op!
The simplest way to support co-ops is with your business. In Olympia, the food co-op is an obvious place to do this. But there are also other cooperative businesses in and around our community.

Co-ops take many forms, and many have a very different look, feel and philosophy than OFC. But they all share the principle of "one member, one vote." This democratic control contrasts with most businesses, which give more power to larger investors, or give total control to a single owner or small group of partners.

Local worker cooperatives include Last Word Books, Career Horizons and Beluga Software. TULIP Credit Union is one of dozens of financial cooperatives in the area. Olympia Supply is a member of True Value, which—like ACE Hardware—is a marketing cooperative through which independent businesses gain marketing clout and purchasing power. Some local residents raise their children with the help of organizations like the Lacey Parent Cooperative Preschool.

Elsewhere in our region, REI and Group Health are both cooperatives. Seattle has two food co-ops, Madison Market and the eight-store cooperative PCC Markets. They may not have the same feel as the food co-op in Olympia, but they are still governed by the same internationally recognized cooperative principles. And it is worth noting that one of these principles is cooperatives helping other cooperatives, which is something that all of these co-ops do.

Buying directly from cooperatives is only part of the picture. It is also important to consider who made the products that you buy.

What is Co-op made?
Most cooperatively-made products in the US are from agricultural cooperatives; which are made up of farmers joining forces to improve their economic situations. One such co-op is Organic Valley, which produces dairy products, citrus juice and meats. While the food co-op's members—for example—are all individuals, the members of agricultural co-ops are farms; these are each generally family-owned and have their own employees.

Members of agricultural co-ops benefit by entering into marketing agreements and sometimes even creating their own production facilities. This gives them a larger share of the final retail price, better leverage for bargaining, and other benefits. Their co-ops allow them to collectively create a brand that will give them distribution and name recognition not available to the individual producer. Agricultural cooperatives have been essential tools to help farmers stay in business and stay independent, and sustain rural economies in the face of corporate globalization.

Ironically, the natural food industry is now dominated by large companies (hiding behind many of the groovy brand names of the small companies they absorbed). And meanwhile, many of the brands that you may think of as "corporate" are actually made by cooperatives of farmers. These are usually not sold in natural food co-ops because they do not have an organic or natural line. But even if you shop somewhere besides the food co-op, you can still support the cooperative economy by purchasing these brands; they include such household names as Welch's, Tree Top and Darigold.

Equal Exchange is a worker-owned cooperative that imports and markets Fair Trade coffee and chocolate. The members of this co-op are the employees at their US facilities. They also purchase from growers' cooperatives whenever possible and they strongly support the creation of new cooperatives among their suppliers.

There are also a number of cooperatively

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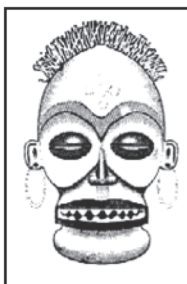

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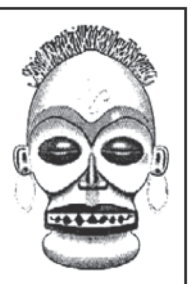

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Let's keep WIPPING 'em out!

WIP needs one or more people to take over production coordination

by Sandy Mayes

After sixteen years of steady publication, this exciting local media project, this amazing collaboration between the *WIP* worker collective and the readership/community, has as much or maybe even more energy and momentum than ever. Visit our new website if you need a tangible testimony to the value and power of this project.

And now, *Works In Progress* is once again entering a period of major transition. Once again, one or more people are needed to step into the role of coordinating the content and production of this newspaper each month. The role is demanding and time consuming and thus it is not something one can do indefinitely. But I can personally attest to it being a profoundly gratifying experience for anyone who values the project and the community it serves.

And you couldn't hope to work with a better group of people.

The training and transition phase will begin in November and will need to be completed by the end of January. Interested parties should know that the coordination role is much like a part-time salaried job ... without the salary, but the rewards are priceless.

It is important that readers do not underestimate the seriousness of the situation. Yet, this really is an exciting opportunity for people with a passion for local grassroots media. If you are interested in joining the all-volunteer *WIP* worker collective, in a central coordination role, or in some other capacity, please join us in an open meeting:

Monday, November 6, at 7pm at the Olympia City Center

We've got the momentum ... let's keep it rolling!

For more information write to wip@zhonka.net .
Visit the WIP website at www.olywip.org .

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made products available at Traditions Fair Trade. The store is privately owned, but has been very supportive of artisan co-ops in the US and abroad. Most recently, they brought in a line of shoes and shirts that are manufactured by Cooperativa Unidos por el Calzado, a worker cooperative in Argentina.

The South Sound is home to other co-ops, as well: There are cooperatively-owned electrical utilities in the Ohop Valley and Kitsap Peninsula. Cenex gas stations are a part of an agricultural purchasing cooperative. And believe it or not, the owners of many fast food franchises are also members of cooperatives (a separate organization from the chain whose name they bear), through which they purchase supplies.

Room for More

Of course, just buying things is not always the most festive way of celebrating (in spite of what your television might tell you). Hopefully you can take this month as an opportunity to look at other ways that we can support our community through new cooperatives. This can take a bit of focused effort, but the potential rewards are tremendous.

There are many ideas that might also be addressed through the formation of new cooperatives. One direction for expansion is to open new food co-ops in outlying areas: Eatonville opened its own store last year, and a food co-op is currently being planned for Yelm. There are also people who want to start co-ops in other nearby cities, including Shelton, Centralia and Tacoma.

We can also create other types of cooperatives. There are local groups working on providing cooperative housing, wireless internet access and biodiesel; hopefully these are just the start. We need a cooperative supermarket and department store, which would provide democratically-controlled sources for a wider variety of products than is available through OFC, while keeping its profits in the community. We also need a local distribution and production facility, which could be cooperatively owned by local growers, cooks and craftspeople; this would serve as a small business incubator, and help develop a sustainable economy that is less dependent on far-flung distribution systems. Cooperatives can also create affordable housing and better access to healthcare.

The cooperative economy will grow as more and more building blocks are added to the picture, and will eventually be strong enough to form a true cooperative economy. The speed with which this happens will be determined by the community's level of interest and dedication to creating cooperative solutions.

If you have a dream that your friends or neighbors share, this month is an opportunity for you to make it a reality. The Northwest Cooperative Development Center can help. We have resources to help you flesh out your ideas; and if you do decide to move forward, we can provide you with support to create a new co-op.

Of course, starting a cooperative is a major undertaking. So if you aren't ready to start your own this Co-op Month, you can help others get started with a tax-deductible donation to the Center or to the United Co-op Appeal (details at http://www.cdf.coop/uca.html).

In any case, be sure to stop and appreciate all the work that has already been done to create cooperatives. Support them when you can. Think of how different our community would be without them.

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seen horrific photos of the babies born in Baghdad in recent years.

Our soldiers now report very similar birth defects to those seen in Iraqi children. We are poisoning ourselves. Our gene pool is threatened as the war drags on ad infinitum.

"After the war ends, consider what the Iraqi people face. Unknown to them, their soil, water and air are contaminated with a killer more potent than bacteria and viruses. No immunity is possible and no cleanup is possible. The radioactive isotope will emit ionizing radiation for 4.5 billion years," explains David Jenkins of Port Townsend DUST.

All this is done in our name, with our tax dollars. We have the weapon of mass destruction and we use it—without impunity.

We heard today yet another request for funds to repair tanks and equipment in Iraq. Plus, further allegations that the President of Iran is developing nuclear weapons. Professor Juan Cole, expert on Iranian affairs, clarifies what is known about nuclear weapons in Iran. The current president is adamantly opposed to nuclear weaponry on moral and religious grounds. The number of centrifuges available to Iranian scientists will achieve nuclear power for energy use only. He commits other actions we would find objectionable; nuclear proliferation is not one of them.

"Fool me Once—no Iran War" is a motto with Veterans for Peace 109 Chapter. " We declared peace throughout the Middle East today," said Molly Gibbs, VfP associate member. "We want people worldwide to understand that over 70% of Americans and 72% of our soldiers oppose occupation and war. We oppose use of weapons of mass destruction. We oppose the exploitation of our soldiers and lies from the corporate government."

"Veterans for Peace educates the public about the costs or war," said retired Lt. Colonel George James, 109 Chapter President. "The 2693 grave markers displayed (at the Park) illustrated the loss of life, easy to see. The loss of life due to radiation, something one cannot sense in anyway, is just one more effect of a genocidal policy through the use of radioactive munitions. We went to support the requests of the Port Townsend community that the Navy respond to their concerns about Indian Island."

Early *Works In Progress* worker dies

Marie Crystiana Smith, a former WIP-worker passed away peacefully of natural causes September 8 in Lacey.

She was born in Bemidji MN to Daniel and Emma (Hendrickson) Schulz April 10, 1916. A graduate of St Cloud Teachers' College, she taught in rural one-room schools before moving to the West Coast during WWII.

In Seattle she met Vernon Smith, a merchant marine who was part of the war effort to supply ships in the Pacific Theater. They married December 1, 1944 and settled in West Seattle to begin their family.

During the McCarthy era they were forced to relocate to Orting, then a small isolated community. FBI agents followed, but were unable to convince local Puget Power and Light management that Marie and Verns's ideological beliefs were a threat to national security with Vern working at one of their hydroelectrical plants. They remained in Orting for the rest of their working careers, Marie employed at the Orting School District as a teacher and later as a librarian.

They moved to the Olympia area in 1979 and enjoyed typical retirement activities: gardening, and playing cards with friends and family. Shortly after Vernon's death, Marie became a part of Jesse Jackson's 1988 campaign and was a delegate at the County Convention. As a member of the local Rainbow Coalition, she began participating on *WIP* in 1990, editing, writing occasional articles, maintaining the subscription database, and baking many batches of cookies.

She is survivied by three daughters, and two grandsons.

A festive gathering of friends and family will be held October 7 at her home.

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"Lesser evil" voting has gotten us to where we're at today. Politicians don't listen to voters because we've taught them that they don't need to. The question is, how bad will we allow them to get?

Aaron Dixon
Green Party candidate for the U.S. Senate

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